arrangement has fallen into disuse, Government agents should be appointed as a compulsory measure.

Reply of Government.—The existing rules do provide for the appointment of an agent in such cases. Orders will be issued for their stricter enforcement.

Subject No. 139.
Sanitation etc., in alienated villages.

Mr.. Sankariah of Heggaddevankote.

Summary of discussion.—At present, inamdars see only to their income from their villages without considering the interests of their raiyats. A regulation may be introduced to compel inamdars to see to the interests of their raiyats in the way of improving the sanitation of alienated villages and the annual up-keep of village tanks and the like, as is done by Government in respect of the raiyats residing in Government villages.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 140.
Local cess of Inam villages.

Messrs. Madappa of Mysore Taluk and Srirangachar of T.Narsipur.

Summary of discussion.—The right of inamdars to collect certain miscellaneous taxes in inam, jodi and kayamgutta villages under the terms of their sanads, was done away with under Government orders. The large realizations of local cess more than compensate the loss of revenue accruing to Government by the abolition of the *chillarbab*, and such cesses levied from inam villages are also credited to Government. The local cess levied in alienated villages may be given over to the inamdars; if not, the *chillarbabs* abolished should be revived.

Reply of Government.—The local cess is levied for the common benefit of particular localities, and cannot be assigned as prayed for. The revival of the old abolished items of taxation in question cannot be permitted.

Subject No. 141.
Enquiry into the cause of poverty of garden owners.

Messrs. B. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., B. Garudachar, B.A., B.L., C. Srinivasa Rao, Veerathegowda and Ramachendra Rao of Chikmagalur.

Koleroga to areca crop.

Mr. B. Garudachar of Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) A commission may be appointed to enquire into the causes that have reduced the owners of arecanut gardens in the malnad to a miserable condition, notwithstanding the partial remission of kandayam allowed.

(*b*) The rot disease, otherwise called Koleroga, that has been destroying the areca gardens, has been steadily growing and spreading so as to create more havoc each year and thereby prostrate the poor garden owners who are very heavily taxed with assessment. This has been creating great anxiety in their minds, and they are seriously thinking of giving up garden cultivation. The Government may, with the help of the Agricultural Chemist, find out a suitable and cheap remedy to stamp out the disease, or if this is not possible, kindly make up their mind to reduce the assessment on that score.

(*c*) Koleroga is increasing, and steps should be taken early to find a remedy.

Reply of Government.—The Agricultural Chemist says he has already made personal investigations, and is ready